

REMARKS

Two sheets of drawings respectively showing original Figures 2 and 3 are enclosed. The specification has been amended. Claims 11 – 19 have been amended. A new independent claim 20 and new claims 21 – 24 ultimately depending from new independent claim 20 have been added. Claims 10 - 24 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Also, in the Office Action, claims 11 – 19 are objected to on the grounds of informalities. Additionally, in the Office Action, claims 10 - 15 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by EP 0 556 787 to Premoli. Moreover, in the Office Action, claims 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP 0 556 787 to Premoli. Furthermore, in the Office Action, claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP 0 556 787 to Premoli in view of US Patent No. 3,658,075 to Jacobs.

With respect to the objection to the drawings, it is noted that Figure 2 has been added and a description of this Figure 2 has been added to the specification concerning the feature of the “peripherally closed rectangle cover part is formed from two substantially L-shaped side parts” recited in claim 16 of the present application. Additionally, it is noted that Figure 3 has been added and a description of this Figure 3 has been added to the specification concerning the feature of “additional retention functional elements, including at least one receptacle retention element” recited in claim 17 of the present application and concerning the feature of “a heat exchanger integrated” within at least one of the

Amendments to the Drawings:

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side parts recited in claim 19 of the present application. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 10 – 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of the following comments.

Claim 10 of the present application recites a washing container for a dishwashing machine, including a container body including a plurality of assembled parts, a base frame part, and at least one cover part attached to the base frame part. The cover part includes a plurality of side parts and the side parts are connected to one another at an angle to form the cover part.

EP 0 556 787 to Premoli discloses a washing container for a dishwashing machine that, according to Page 3 of the Office Action, comprises “all the elements recited in the above listed claims including, such as shown in Figs 7-9, a container body having a plurality of assembled parts, a base frame 1', at least one cover part 22' attached to the base frame part 1', said cover part including a plurality of side parts 23', 44, said side parts connected to one another at an angle to form a substantially U-shaped cover part 22' having an open end, the base frame part having an upstanding side part 28, said upstanding side part located in said U-shaped cover part open end completing said cover part, said base frame part 1' and said upstanding side part 28 formed as a unitary assembly, said base frame part and said upstanding side part unitary assembly formed from a molded plastic material and said cover part formed from a corrosion-resistant material, said base frame part including a filter floor part 4 (col. 3, lines 53-58).”

However, Applicant submits that EP 0 556 787 to Premoli does not teach or disclose the feature recited in claim 10 of the present application of a cover part attached to the base frame part, wherein the cover part includes a plurality of side parts and the side parts are connected to one another at an angle to form the cover part. Instead, EP 0 556 787 to Premoli discloses a washing container for a dishwashing machine wherein the cover part is a unitary monopiece. This is contrary to the invention of the instant application as claimed, in which the cover part includes a plurality of side parts connected to one another at an angle to form the cover part.

US Patent No. 3,658,075 to Jacobs discloses a heat exchanger 60 integrated within a dishwashing machine container.

US Patent No. 3,658,075 to Jacobs does not teach or disclose that a cover part attached to the base frame part, wherein the cover part includes a plurality of side parts and the side parts are connected to one another at an angle to form the cover part, as recited in claim 10 of the instant application. Thus, it is submitted that US Patent No. 3,658,075 to Jacobs does not overcome the deficiencies of the primary reference EP 0 556 787 to Premoli.

Thus, it is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 10. Claim 10 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and, since claims 11 - 19 are ultimately dependent on claim 10, it is submitted that claims 11 - 19 are patentable for at least the reason that claim 10 is patentable.

It is also submitted that new independent claim 20 and new claims 21 – 24 ultimately depending from new independent claim 20 are patentable over the prior art of record for at least the reasons discussed above.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 10 – 19, and favorable consideration of claims 20 – 24, are solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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